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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham, we have been over this a few times, but if you'd give us a quick review on LB 273, we'd appreciate it.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. As you remember, this is a rural economic development bill that provides grants of up to \$75,000, and between collaborating political subdivisions. And it's a maximum of \$75,000. I envision most of the grants would be considerably less than that, in the neighborhood of \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000. Required in this are matching funds from local businesses, local people, local subdivisions. There has to be matching funds for this. I'm going to...I think that pretty much gets them back to where we were. I'll talk a little bit later about more of the specifics, Senator. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham, for the review. Senator, would you like to review your FA118 before we start debating? Okay. We will go right to the debate of the issue, FA118, offered by Senator Beutler to LB 273. Open for debate. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to...you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this my amendment?

SENATOR CUDABACK: This is Senator Beutler's FA118 to LB 273, Senator Chambers. Your light was on. That's why I'm...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I'm getting oriented now. I was on Senator Landis' measure...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Sorry, passed over that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and it wasn't working with what's on the gadget, but you brought me back to reality and I appreciate it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're welcome.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler is trying to bring a silk purse out of a sow's ear, so I'm not